

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2185 - HB 2243**

March 22, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Broadens the definition of a dog and cat dealer. Increases the criminal penalty to a Class A misdemeanor for violations. The Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to issue civil penalties in an amount not to exceed \$1000 for each violation; to obtain court ordered injunctions and restraining orders; and to confiscate animals as may be necessary to provide for humane treatment of such animals.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenues - \$260,000/Agricultural Regulatory Fund**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$235,000 Recurring / Agricultural  
Regulatory Fund**

**\$25,000 One-Time/Agricultural  
Regulatory Fund**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant**

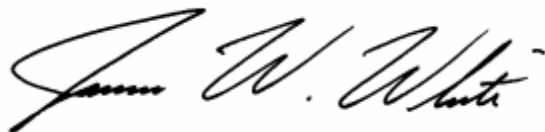
**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

#### Assumptions:

- The Department of Agriculture will issue an average of 450 new licenses per year (450 x \$75.00) and the pet food tonnage fees will generate \$225,000 per year (225,000 tons @ \$1.00 per ton). Revenues to be deposited in the Agricultural Regulatory Fund to be used exclusively for enforcement of this legislation.
- Costs to the Department for five positions, travel for inspections, computers, supplies, programming and other related expenses.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director